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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-72 are pending in the application.

Claims 18-47 and 56-72 were withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 3-12, 14-17 and 48-55 have been rejected.

Claims 2 and 13 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 5 and 48 have been amended in this submission.

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 2 and 13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In this submission, Applicants have incorporated the limitation of claim 2 into claim 1. Accordingly, all claims depending from amended claim 1 are allowable.

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In addition, claim 48 has been amended to reflect method steps analogous to the limitations of claim 2. Accordingly, claim 48 and the claims dependent therefrom are deemed to be allowable.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 5 because of alleged informalities. Claim 5 has been amended in order to cure these informalities. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-12 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Trans (US Patent No. 6,553,085). As Applicant have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of allowable claim 2 (and by implication, dependent claims 3-12 and 15-17), the Examiner's rejection is moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Trans (US Patent No. 6,553,085).

The Examiner rejected claims 48-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Trans (US Patent No. 6,553,085) in view of Chen (US Patent No. 5,970,088).

As Applicant have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of allowable claim 2 (and by implication, dependent claim 14), the Examiner's rejection of claim 14 is moot and the claim is deemed to be allowable.

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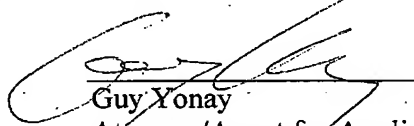
In addition, Applicants have amended claim 48 to reflect method steps analogous to the limitations of claim 2. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 48-55 are moot and the claims are deemed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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